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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1878

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SUBJECT: CUEA PROJECT/SITREP, MAURITANIA

REF: STATE 020844, NOUAKCHOTT 0064

1. FOLLOWING IS SITREP OF CUEA PROJECT ACTIVITIES IN  
MAURITANIA:

A. AS REQUESTED REFTEL EMBASSY CONFIRMS AVAILABILITY AVGAS  
AT NOUADHIBOU FOR PROJECT AIRCRAFT.

B. VERBAL CLEARANCE FOR MULTIPLE OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING  
OF CUEA AIRCRAFT RECEIVED. EXPECT WRITTEN CONFIRMATION SOON.

C. EMBASSY HAS SECURED VERBAL GIRM APPROVAL FOR CUEA SHORE  
PARTY IN NOUADHIBOU TO USE MIFERMA HOUSING.

D. GIRM INFORMS US THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY SECURING  
AUTHORIZATION FOR CUEA VESSELS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN  
MAURITANIAN WATERS, AND THAT SUCH AUTHORIZATIONS WILL BE  
PROVIDED AS NEEDED.

E. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT ALREADY LANDED  
IN NOUADHIBOU EXPECTED EARLY WEEK OF FEB 18.

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F. GIRM EXPECTED TO FORMALLY ANNOUNCE ITS PARTICIPATION

IN PROJECT AFTER COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING  
NEXT WEEK.

G. EMBASSY HAS JUST INITIATED REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE  
OF CUEA RADIO (ATS) SYSTEM.

2. FOR DEPT INFO ONLY: PROJECT DIRECTOR RICHARD BARBER  
MADE SURPRISE VISIT HERE FEB 11 FOR TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH  
GIRM OFFICIALS AND TO GIVE EMBASSY FIRST COMPREHENSIVE  
BRIEFING OF CUEA PROJECT REQUIREMENTS. THERE HAS BEEN  
PRACTICALLY ZERO PREPARATIONS ON PART OF PROJECT PLANNERS  
FOR ANY ACTIVITIES IN MAURITANIA. CLEARANCES THAT EMBASSY  
COULD HAVE EASILY ARRANGED WEEKS AGO HAD DETAILS CUEA NEEDS  
BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO US MUST NOW BE RUSHED THROUGH. DIFFICULTIES  
COMPOUNDED BY INABILITY CUEA PERSONNEL TO SPEAK FRENCH. NONETHELESS  
CONFIDENT PROJECT WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED NEARLY ON SCHEDULE.  
END FYIO. SHURTLEFF

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